

St. John's Episcopal Church

Vestry Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, May 13th, 2009

Minutes

Present: Rob Waters, Lee Haller, Marie Campbell, Claire Laton-Taylor, Chris Ashley, Nicole Valtz, Rebecca Young, Dawn Teserero, Margaret Stedman, Andrew Schiefflin, Lori Deane, Lindsay M. Cannon, Jim Ellis

Absent: Paul Cronin-Swalboski, Anne Fowler-on Sabbatical

Also Present: Anne Minton- Sabbatical Priest, Marie Campbell-Micah Intern

Start/Opening Prayer

Anne M. opened with the evening devotion from the Book of Common Prayer.

Review & Approval of Minutes

Minutes have been approved.

Sabbatical Priest's Remarks

Anne M. mentioned she is delighted to be at St. John's.

Proposal from Ken Brooks to repair instruments

Ken briefly discussed issues concerning the organ. Both the piano and organ need work. There is also important cosmetic work that should be done on the piano at some point in the future, but is not pressing. The Vestry agreed we should have the instruments repaired.

New Business

1. Upcoming Dates

a. Marie's last Sunday: May 24

-Morning Prayer that day and how Marie will be involved: We will have a more elaborate coffee hour.

-Chuck will be posting Marie's letter to the Church.

b. Alzheimer's support group: May 20

-Do they have a key?

-Nicole will check in with Anne Fowler.

c. Parish Work Day & Angel Food Pick-Up: May 30

d. Thursday June 4: First Thursday concert

e. Sunday School Picnic: June 7

f. Next Vestry Meeting: June 10

g. Silent Auction: June 20

-6:00pm (Check the online Calender)

- h. 9:30 schedule will begin July 5 through Labor Day**
- i. Parochial reports to approve at next meeting?**

2. Pine Village Playground Proposal

a. Presentation by Emma Loughed

-Emma discussed options and plans for the playground

b. Walk of grounds

-The Vestry walked the grounds of where the playground could possibly be placed, and discussed different variations of the playground.

c. Discussion and questions

-Questions were raised about how this would affect our grants with the Mass Historical Commission

-Rebecca will research the issues with the MHC.

-There are liability issues that will need to be sorted out.

-The Vestry agreed this will need further discussion which will be the main subject at the next Vestry meeting. We need more information, but can not have a decision by June 25th without more detailed plans and more specific information.

3. Angel Food Update

a. Successes

-Rob mentioned we are moving right along with Angel Food and reiterated the deadline for May orders.

b. Planning and support needed

-Not sure at this time about how many volunteers are needed until we know how many orders we have. It is hard to gauge how many volunteers we need since May is the first time we are completing the process on our own.

4. Silent Auction Update

-Nicole provided Dawn with a box of helpful items and information from last year's Silent Auction.

5. Other Business

a. Status of sprinkler system-is it disconnected?

-Rob is familiar with the sprinkler system and will straighten it out.

b. Volunteers for Martha Eliot Injury Prevention Fair

-Wishlist for donations-Lee will be doing some organizational tasks with this before July.

c. Sunday School planning for Fall

-There has been a lack of communication between Sunday School and parents. What is the curriculum? Rotating volunteers and help?

d. Church Lawn

-Jim mentioned the need to Hydroseed the part of the Church lawn where the construction was occurring. This will cost \$500-\$1000 with our regular landscape company. This was approved by the Vestry.

6. Closing Prayer/Finish

Anne Minton closed the meeting with a prayer.